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Good morning,

This request is in response to docket # 98P-1194. I am writing to urge the FDA to rescind the approval of the recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone, or rBGH, in the United States. I strongly support the Center for Food Safety lawsuit that calls for the removal of rBGH from the market, given the human and animal health concerns.

Canada Rejects rBGH. I am among the thousands and thousands who have altered my diet to avoid it. There is no good reason why the U.S. shouldn't follow Canada's lead, *including* the FDA's apparent concern for the financial interests of Monsanto, maker of rBGH.

It is gross negligence on the part of FDA to endanger human health with increased exposure to antibiotics in milk, the possible insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1), and higher rates of cancer, all associated with rBGH. It is disgusting that the FDA allows cows to be subjected to higher rates of udder infections due to rBGH.

Since 1994, my family and I have shunned dairy products, but recently have been able to readily find organic milk and dairy products; this tells me the market has exploded for non-rBGH products and that even the silent majority is voting with its dollars.

I certainly hope your agency has the common sense to listen to American consumers and act in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,



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